

## Fun, games and a large portion of culture

The new road system in Brecon may not have done much for passing trade, but, having completed its first year in business, the 'Chwarae Teg' continues to go from strength to strength.

Maybe it's the impromptu games of Buckaroo or the chess club. Perhaps Tuesday's Curry Club or the Wednesday night Scrabble sessions (English and Welsh versions) are to blame. Or could it be the Welsh Language lessons that take place on a Wednesday morning in the pub and Welsh Learners Group 'Cyd' that meets on Wednesday evenings?

Whatever the secret, proprietors Denise Shulver and Gareth Wilcox have brought something different to the town - and the customers love it.

Take Thursdays for instance - and the opportunity to sample a variety of cuisines from around the world. The first one of the month is a Turkish night, complete with belly dancers, whilst the last is Greek, Keo wines and all. In between, you might find a Spanish theme, or maybe a bit of Moroccan culture, or, this month, on the 10<sup>th</sup> they are going Italian and on the 17<sup>th</sup> it's Beaujolais Nouveaux night. Such is the popularity of these evenings that people are starting to book well in advance to avoid disappointment. Don't say you haven't been warned!

Then there's the music. The second Friday of every month sees Acoustic Night with an open mike plus entertainment from resident band members of Calling Card, whilst John Eyres brings his own mellow brand of music to Chwarae Teg on a Sunday.

Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes are special too, as you can enjoy a 2 for £10 lunch deal, including chef Gareth's famous Faggots & Peas that has been getting rave reviews from those Welsh enough to know what they are! And, as if you're not spoilt enough for choice during the week, Sundays are great for food too - Traditional Roast lunch served late with a number of sittings. Denise even gets up earlier than normal to do real roast potatoes lovingly made using the Maris Piper variety. And, if you don't fancy a roast, the incredibly good value for money Curry Buffet includes Lamb Rogan Josh, Goan Prawn, Vegan Aubergine & Coriander, Dals and freshly made Poppadums. As a result of demand, they even offer a take away service!

So, if you haven't yet sampled the delights of Brecon's most inviting and innovative public house, get yourself down there for some fun, games and a large dollop of culture.